



# STP Bulletin

Updates from the Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West  
Sustainability and Transformation Partnership

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## New STP Role to Focus on System Development

Tim Beasley will be joining the STP team on 6<sup>th</sup> September as the Head of STP (ICS) System Development. He will work with Fiona Wise, the STP’s Executive Chair, to develop the STP and to support further work to deliver Integrated Care Systems (ICSs). Tim is currently NHS Improvement’s Head of Regulation in the South East and South West, and will continue this role one day a week – he will work for the STP four days a week.

As “first wave” Integrated Care Systems (ICSs) become more established, their experiences are helping to further develop the thinking about how communities and their needs are best served. This includes consideration of what size of population is needed to organise, deliver and manage a range of health and care services. For example:

	Population Size	Purpose
Neighbourhood	Up to 50,000	Primary care, networks of GP practices working with defined communities
Place	250,000 to 500,000	Range of integrated hospital, council and primary care teams / services Accountable to “systems”
System	1million plus	Strategic planning e.g. Manage performance and budget
Region	5 to 10 million	Hold systems to account System development Intervention and improvement

## Clinical Strategy, Capacity Planning and Specialised Commissioning Role for STP Programme Director

Paul Brennan has joined the STP as its full-time Programme Director. Before joining the Sustainability and Transformation Partnership, Paul was Deputy CEO/Director of Clinical Services at Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

Paul will work directly to the STP’s Executive Chair, Fiona Wise. His focus will be on developing a clinical strategy for Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West (BOB), developing a plan that ensures there is a capacity plan to meet the planned care needs across BOB and assessing the potential and implications of delivering specialised commissioning across the STP.

## Digital Workstream Update

The BOB STP Chief Executives' Strategy Group met in early August to discuss next steps for the STP's digital workstream and its relationship with the programme to develop the Thames Valley and Surrey Local Health Care Record Exemplar (LCHRE). A decision was taken not to move forward with a digital work stream for the STP footprint, but instead to focus on the LHRCE as the main delivery structure for digital developments at scale, together with place based digital groups. However, there is recognition from Chief Executives that it is important to have oversight of local place based objectives, specifically critical priorities that need to happen across BOB to ensure success of the LCHRE bid. To achieve this there will be a one off meeting with place based colleagues to agree on how best to develop this approach.

The role of the Thames Valley and Surrey LCHRE is to create an integrated, electronically shared local health and care record across the patch over the next two years. The project will bring a number of benefits to staff and patients. For example, staff will be able to access information from patient histories to previous test results and care plans. At the moment, GPs and other care professionals are often not able to access crucial patient information quickly if it is held in another part of the health service. Patients will see the benefit of this sharing of information by not having to provide the same information each time they are seen by a different part of the NHS or social care.

A recruitment process is currently being run to appoint a Senior Responsible Officer (SRO) and Programme Director for the duration of the two year programme. These posts are being held at the moment on an interim basis by Nigel Foster (Director of Finance, Frimley Health and Berkshire East CCG) and Andrew Fenton (Programme Director, South Central and West Commissioning Support Unit).

## STP Chief Executives Group to Review Cancer Performance and Winter Preparations

Ensuring all health and care systems within the footprint are meeting cancer targets and are well prepared for winter will be high on the agenda for the September meeting of the STP Chief Executives' Strategy Group.

The NHS Five Year Forward View identified cancer as one of the top priorities - more than one in three people will get cancer in their lifetimes.

Earlier in the year the Thames Valley Cancer Alliance secured over £9million funding to ensure a further 1,400 people survive cancer for 10 years or more by 2020. To achieve this target, plans include a major upgrade of diagnostic capacity and screening to improve prevention and early detection of cancer, along with faster tests and results for people with worrying symptoms.

There are eight national cancer waiting standards, with NHS England driving particular focus on the 62-day referral to treatment standard ahead of plans to give patients a definitive diagnosis within 28 days by 2020. September's meeting of the Chief Executives Strategy Group will pay particular attention to performance against all eight standards and will agree any action needed to help any health and care system improve, if needed.